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## Pastor's Perspective...



by Pastor Dan Hansen

*"I thank my God every time I  
remember you because of His grace  
given you in Christ Jesus..."*

1 Corinthians 1:4

**1) On my sabbatical this summer...** In 1997, the ELCA adopted a recommendation that "rostered persons will plan an extended study and renewal period of a minimum of one to three months every three to five years in the present call." Indeed, God has blessed us with a gratifying amount of growth since my last sabbatical the summer of 2003 as worship attendance has grown from 353 to 508 (and 564 this past weekend of Jan. 12-13). We moved into our new sanctuary the spring of 2003; three years later we built again, moved into our new north wing, and then we did "wing the debt" at the end of 2007. Offerings have grown from about \$620,000 to about \$920,000, while our outreach has grown from about \$60,000 to about \$140,000 last year. New to our staff in the past five years are Pastor Bruce, Janelle, Diane, Dawn, Natalie and Ed. We've added a Saturday Service and our Wednesday Communion Service has returned. Our new library won a national award. And we have over 60 kids signed up for workcamp

this summer. So many blessings!

But there have also been some painful losses and challenges. In December of 2003, I had surgery for prostate cancer; for the first time in 20+ years of ministry, I spent Christmas at home recovering. On Transfiguration Weekend of 2004, Pastor Bruce's wife Marianne, suffered a seizure and six months later "our loss was heaven's gain" as we celebrated and honored her life at the end of that summer. In 2005 we sadly learned that Carol Jordan's breast cancer had returned after she faithfully served nearly ten years in our church office; in the spring of 2006 we celebrated and honored her life. Also in 2005, we learned of my wife, Cindy's, breast cancer and hence, the surgeries and chemotherapy and radiation treatments which have followed. Thankfully, as of last week, treatments and reconstruction seem to be complete and Cindy continues to get her energy back.

So... it will be a great privilege and blessing, first of all, to spend some extended time with family and friends this summer. I hope to break my "addiction" to work email and to only use my cell phone when traveling.

Secondly, it will be a great privilege and blessing to find some kind of retreat setting to focus on spiritual growth; someplace that will allow prayer, study, reflection, interaction and growth. Indeed, I have a whole shelf full of books that I've bought over the years thinking that they seemed like something I would like to read, but there are many that I have only looked at briefly. I'd love to get caught up with my reading.

Thirdly, it will be a great privilege and blessing to do some reflecting on my future and the future of FCLC. Sometimes pastors stay too long. Sometimes long pastorates are a blessing. It takes a lot of prayer and discernment to know the difference. While I know that I thrive on the daily "excitement" of life at FCLC, I also know that pastors are sometimes guilty of "over-functioning" so that sabbaticals are often a healthy opportunity for congregations to simply be the "body of Christ." I trust that this time will be a blessing for all of us and I appreciate your prayers.

## 2) On our Ash Wednesday worship on Feb. 6...

Come join us for a wonderful night! From the super soup supper served by our council ministries, to the Holden Prayer Service, to the Lenten dramas which we always enjoy... we will be blessed! Since our Wednesday worship attendance took a nice jump last year, we'll continue to have two services for Wednesdays this year—4:30 and 7pm with soup supper in-between. We hope that our new 4:30 Lenten service will continue to be an attractive option for older folks who might be reluctant to drive after dark and for younger families who would like to get their kids home earlier!

Our theme will be "Christ Speaks to His Church," as we highlight a city and lesson each week from the book of Revelation and from our trip to Turkey last spring. Pastor Bruce and Nanette have done an outstanding job of planning this inspirational Lenten season with an FCLC devotional book and weekly preaching topics for our Wednesday worship services. Once again, each of our council ministries will be taking a turn setting up and cleaning up for the soup suppers. So far, it's worked out great! We hope you'll observe Lent with us this year and join us for a very special season of fellowship and worship as we "draw near to God" during these 40 days of fasting and prayer.

**3) On our Saturday Service...**and the return of our Wednesday Communion Service... Clearly, you have "voted with your feet" for these new worship opportunities! Primarily we're targeting folks that may have occasional Sunday morning conflicts that would prevent them from attending worship and Sunday school. But we certainly have a growing core of Saturday and Wednesday night "regulars!" While these services are shorter, nevertheless, God is praised, the gospel is proclaimed, and the Lord's Supper is served; so please keep these worship opportunities in mind.

**4) On our new coffee arrangement on Sundays...** We've started serving coffee in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays now because the narthex has gotten so crowded while the Fellowship Hall tends to hardly get used. Our goal is not to discourage coffee in the narthex—our goal is to give everyone more room to spread out for coffee and fellowship. Enjoy!

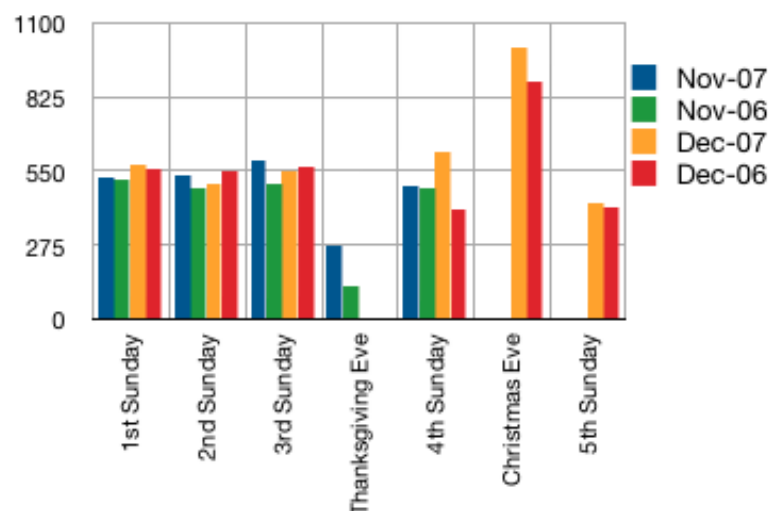
*Your partner in ministry,  
Pastor Dan*



## Worship Attendance

	Nov. 07	Nov. 06
1st Sunday	534	523
2nd Sunday	538	490
3rd Sunday	590	510
Thanksgiving Eve	279	123
4th Sunday	500	491
	Dec. 07	Dec. 06
1st Sunday	581	560
2nd Sunday	507	550
3rd Sunday	554	569
4th Sunday	626	409
Christmas Eve	1,011	888
5th Sunday	435	423

## Worship Attendance





**February 2**

Casey and Peggy Criswell – 28 years

**February 3**

Blair Wacha and Diane Pugh – 5 years

**February 10**

Glenn and Sylvia Uecker – 46 years

Robert and Natalie Boggess – 7 years

**February 11**

Dennis and Cheryl Fishburn – 25 years

Korey and Melanie Patterson – 3 years

**February 12**

Todd and Tyger Penson – 48 years

**February 16**

Neal and Laura Carver – 28 years

Paul and Kirsten Gjelde-Bennett – 14 years

**February 18**

Paul and Cindy Noble – 19 years

**February 19**

Gary and Gloria Borchert – 25 years

**February 22**

Marvin and Joyce Heimbichner – 49 years

**February 25**

Roman Krafczyk, Kristianna Vedvik – 1 year

**February 26**

Sam and June Faulkner – 35 years

**February 1**

Renee Goertz

Alan Jordan

**February 2**

Dianne Prout

Sally Beckner

Terry Schemmel

Sandi Buderus

Tiffany Brown

Sarah Demmel

**February 3**

Blair Wacha

**February 4**

Robert Simpson

Wendy Kerr

Connie Schumacher

Mary Cotton

**February 5**

Roger Martinez

Kirsten Simpson

Ashley Bourgois

**February 6**

Nadine Heidt

Bill McDermid

Korey Patterson

**February 7**

Sililo Woo Ching

Sarah Gostenik

Jamie Wallace-Vigil

Ashton Hubert

Zachary Francis

**February 10**

Adam Lewis

Mitchell Parsons

Free Rister



**February 11**

Liz Knapp

Lori Olson

Caleb Mendez

Erik West

Matthew Bendzel

**February 12**

Lorna Ott

Reiley Krafczyk

**February 13**

Harlan Olson

Diana Phelan

Kalev Kallas

Trey Tatham

**February 14**

Larry Polsdofer

Ryan Chaney

**February 15**

Laura Carver

Brenda Shelton

Stephani Vaughn

**February 16**

Katie Carver

Kendall Storaci

**February 17**

Beverly Davis

Barbara Van Winkle

Rhea Hoops

Heather Gomez

Morgan Wacha

Mehelani Bowman

**February 18**

Don Janssen

Pam Schaal

Wade Fott

Andy Buderus

Kathryn Mathiesen

**February 19**

Charlotte Nelson

Marvin Heimbichner

Kristi Builan

Braden Wormke

**February 20**

Marcie Mason

Michael Sell

**February 21**

Teri Hassa

Mike Krantz

**February 22**

Dale Nehls

Jill Konicek

MacKenzie Demmel

**February 23**

Al Parker

Jenny Wright

LuAnn Hostetter

Peggy Brossman

Paul James

Rob Ney

Sarah Droege

Nikolas Olson

Keegan Gomez

**February 24**

Ann Whitefoot

Tyger Penson

C C Rinehart

**February 26**

Erika Snyder

Michelle Kramer

Jordan Lubovich

Jennifer Walder

Shane Brockman

Milton Meyers

**February 27**

John Benson

Samantha Vaughn

Natalie Benson

Ben Walder

**February 28**

Craig Cogdill

Calvin Mendez



# FCLC Christian Education News

## The 2008 Lenten Devotional is coming!

Devotionals will be available in the church narthex beginning Sunday, Feb. 3. Thanks to the commitment of 36 of FCLC's finest authors, all members of Faith Community Lutheran will have an easy-to-use, at-their-fingertips devotional tool to help them grow in their faith each day during the season of Lent. This year's Lenten theme: "Christ Speaks to His Church".

Join us at our Wednesday Lenten services this year, as we explore how "Christ Speaks to His Church," based on letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2-3.

At each Lenten service, a sticker will be distributed, depicting an image related to the evening's Biblical message and the weekly devotional theme. This sticker can then be placed on the map on the cover of the devotional at the appropriate city, as a continuing reminder of Christ's words to us today. You may also want to write the theme phrase for the week next to the sticker on the map.



**Thanks to all who snipped all of those stickers and collated the devotionals too!**

## Family Movie Night!

**Sunday, February 17, 7-9 pm**



Are you staying home for President's Weekend? Why not spend Sunday evening watching a memorable movie together at church?

Based on Jim Stovall's best-selling novel, *The Ultimate Gift* sends Jason, a young man of privilege on an improbable journey. When Jason's wealthy grandfather dies, Jason receives a most unusual inheritance, twelve tasks or gifts, to challenge Jason to grow as a man. If he succeeds, the experience will not only change Jason forever, but he will discover the real meaning of wealth. All-star cast includes,

James Garner, Brian Dennehy and Abigail Breslin. The *Ultimate Gift*, winner of the 2006 Dove Foundation's seal of approval is 117 minutes long and rated PG. (Best suited for ages 8 and up). Bible Study discussion questions will be given as a take-home to delve into at home.

## Christian Education Theme for February: Preparing a Place for You in Heaven

Scripture basis: John 14

Memory Verse of the month: Jesus said, "There are many rooms in my Father's house. . .I am going there to prepare a place for you." John 14:2

**Questions to discuss with kids:** How does Jesus prepare each one of us for heaven? What do YOU think heaven will be like?



## Christian Education Dates to Remember in December and January

Check the online calendar link at [www.fclc.org](http://www.fclc.org) for up-to-date information and weekly Bible study opportunities!

<b>February 3</b>	<b>LENTEN DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX!</b>	
	Pick up a copy!	
<b>February 9</b>	6:30-8:00 pm	Great Dates Couples Bible Study
<b>February 17</b>	7:00-9:00 pm	Family Movie Night! <i>The Ultimate Gift</i>
<b>February 23</b>	10:00-11:30 am	Baptism Book Project meeting
<b>February 25</b>	7:00-8:30 pm	Weavers of the Cloth (Devotion and one hour craft project)
<b>February 30</b>	8:30am-12:30 pm	Bonfils Blood Drive (Contact Mary Konicek to donate!)
<b>March 2</b>	6:00-7:30 pm	New Member Orientation, Session #1
<b>March 8</b>	10:00-11:00 am	Sunday School Workshop Leaders' Training
<b>March 9</b>	9:45-10:45 am	New Member Orientation, Session #2 (Luncheon at 12:15)
<b>March 16</b>	12:15-1:00 pm	Confirmation Planning Mtg. (8th graders & parents)

### GOT QUESTIONS?

Director of Christian Education: Nanette Goings, [nanette@fclc.org](mailto:nanette@fclc.org)  
Christian Education Chairperson: Mary Konicek, [marylarrykids@aol.com](mailto:marylarrykids@aol.com)



Goin' fishin'  
(for men?)

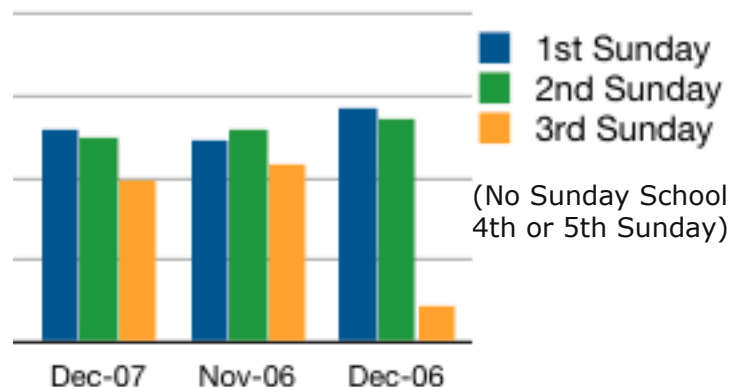


RAP-ing up our  
learning about  
Jesus' disciples

### Sunday School Attendance

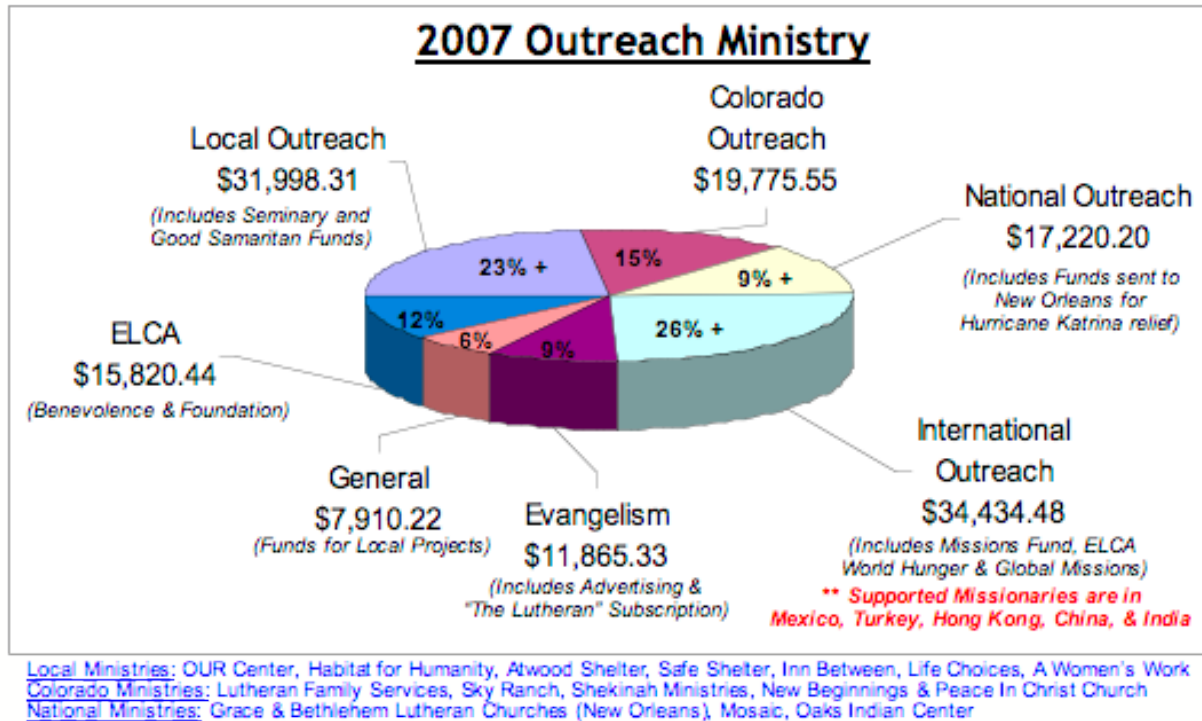
Attendance

	<b>Nov 07</b>	<b>Dec 07</b>
1st Sunday	141	196
2nd Sunday	198	187
3rd Sunday	206	148
4th Sunday	No SS	No SS
5th Sunday		No SS
	<b>Nov 06</b>	<b>Dec 06</b>
1st Sunday	185	214
2nd Sunday	196	204
3rd Sunday	163	33
4th Sunday	No SS	No SS
5th Sunday		No SS



# Outreach News

Last year the Outreach Committee was very active. **We were able to do all that we did because of the generous help and support we got from the congregation... Thank You!** In 2007, we ended up distributing \$139,025.00 from the "First Fruits" and Special Offerings... amazing! With "First Fruits" set at 20 percent, *one-fifth of all the general offerings* that came into the church last year went right back out the door to reach out to those in need in our congregation, our community, and our world. This is truly a blessing!



## Looking ahead to 2008...

This upcoming year we are excited about all of the activities we have planned. With the congregation's support to keep the "First Fruits" at 20 percent for 2008, we hope to have even more of an impact on those people in need, finding different ways to reach out to them. Be sure to mark your 2008 calendars for all local Outreach projects. In addition to these, we will be having our **annual Outreach Fair on April 26-27 in the Fellowship Hall**. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet all of FCLC's ministry partners and collect information on how they reach out to those in need.

Also, if you were interested in getting involved, **we'd love to have you join the Outreach Committee** and/or participate in the local projects. At least four times this year, we will be serving lunch for 100+ people at the OUR Center and 30+ volunteer workers at Habitat for Humanity. We also are planning on making sack lunches for the homeless in Longmont as well as doing workdays (8am-4pm) at Habitat for Humanity to help with their building projects. Please contact Tami Musfeldt ([tami.m@comcast.net](mailto:tami.m@comcast.net)) for any additional information, and **we welcome any new ideas you have!** The Outreach Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month. Hope you can join us on at our next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Sunset Room.

**"Foothills of the Rockies" Work camp** is coming to Longmont THIS Summer! FCLC is co-sponsoring this event for July 20-26 and July 27-Aug. 2. We need lots of help to make this a success. Please contact Marcie Mason ([mllmason@mindspring.com](mailto:mllmason@mindspring.com)) if you can help or if you have ideas on worksites.

### OUR Center Lunch Dates for 2008

Sat.(10am-2pm): Feb 23, April 26, June 21, Oct. 4  
Contact: Tami Musfeldt ([tami.m@comcast.net](mailto:tami.m@comcast.net))

### Habitat for Humanity Lunch Dates for 2008

Sat. (11am-1pm): Jan 26, Mar 15, July 19, Sept 20  
Contact: Veta Hartman ([hartmanv@comcast.net](mailto:hartmanv@comcast.net))

## February Focus – O.U.R. Center

Each month the Outreach Committee designates a "focus" where one of our ministry partners is lifted up. The focus for February is the O.U.R. Center. Since 1986, the **O**utreach **U**nited **R**esource Center has been helping people in our local community with short-term hardships by providing food, clothing, and personal care items. This organization also provides help with rent, utility bills, childcare, and medical expenses on a temporary basis with the goal to help people move from a financial crisis to self-sufficiency. They also have the "Daily Hot Meal Program" which provides lunch 365 days a year to anyone in need. More information can be found at their web site at: [www.ourcenter.org](http://www.ourcenter.org).

### Hot Meal Program – Saturday, February 23:

FCLC will be serving lunch to 100-200 people at the O.U.R. Center on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 11:30 am. Volunteers (six-eight adults) are needed from 10am-2pm to setup, cook, serve, and cleanup the meal. If you're interested in helping with this project, please contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net)

### Weekly Food Drive during February:

During the month of February, FCLC Outreach has signed up with the O.U.R. Center to have weekly food drives. We need your help! If we could get everyone in the congregation to bring one item (or more) every week in February, YOU could make a HUGE difference! Below is a list of "weekly focus" for collecting the non-perishable food items and personal care items. Please bring an item (listed below) each week and place them in the grocery cart located in the "Outreach Corner" (SW corner) in the Narthex.

### Thank you in advance for all your support!

- Week 1: Canned Fruits,  
Canned Vegetables, Tomato Products,  
& Soups
- Week 2: Mac/Cheese, Pasta, Rice, & Beans
- Week 3: Baby Items → Unmixed Baby Food  
(in jar), Formula, Diapers (sizes 3-6),  
& Wipes (unscented)
- Week 4: Personal Care Items → Shampoo,  
Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes,  
Toilet Paper.



## Habitat for Humanity News

The Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley (HFHSVV) is an amazing Christian organization geared to reach out to people in need by building affordable houses in Longmont. More information can be found on their web site at: [www.stvrainhfh.org](http://www.stvrainhfh.org). Thanks to all the generous monetary donations as well as many volunteer hours, Habitat was able to build five houses in 2007. **For 2008, their goal is to build six houses.** One of these six houses is considered a "Thrivent Build Grant" home where Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be sponsoring this house by providing 65 percent of the cost to build it (\$107,250.00). As a part of this grant, the local Lutheran churches will need to raise 10 percent of the cost (~\$15k) as well as provide 1500 volunteer hours. The remaining 25 percent of the cost will be covered by the local Habitat for Humanity organization.

To support our local Habitat for Humanity, FCLC Outreach will be working with the other Lutheran churches in the area to raise this \$15,000. FCLC will be designating a portion of our "First Fruits" to go to this fund. We will also be organizing several workdays where people from the congregation can volunteer their time to help with their building projects. If you're interested in joining the FCLC group for a Saturday Workday at Habitat, please contact Ewald Schelert ([schelert@mesanetworks.net](mailto:schelert@mesanetworks.net)). You can always volunteer on your own by contacting Habitat's Volunteer Coordinator: Jennifer Weyerman at 303-682-2485 or [stvrainhfhvol@qwest.net](mailto:stvrainhfhvol@qwest.net). They work every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 8am-4pm.

Mark your calendar for **Habitat's Breaking Ground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 3 pm.** This ceremony will take place at their new Shadowgrass Park Development at 1534 Moonlight Dr. in NE Longmont (near 17th Avenue and County Line Road.). HFHSVV has five lots in this development. More information can be found at: [www.shadowgrasspark.com](http://www.shadowgrasspark.com).



# Fellowship Happenings...

## **Soup Suppers -**

Get ready for some great soups starting **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008**. Dinner will be served between 5:15pm and 6:45pm. Our schedule of soups is as follows:



- Feb. 6: Chicken Noodle and Ham, Cheese and Potato
- Feb. 13: Clam Chowder and Beef Stew
- Feb. 20: Broccoli Cheese and Minestrone
- Feb. 27: Chicken Tortilla and Chicken Tortellini
- Mar. 5: Chili and Chicken Noodle
- Mar. 12: Extras and/or make Corn Chowder

As usual, we'll also serve grilled cheese or quesadillas, fruit, and salad/vegetables each week. Pricing will be \$4 - ages 16+; \$2 - ages 11-15, \$1 - ages 3-10. Come enjoy some good food and fellowship either before or after one of the beautiful Lenten services.

## **Seder Meal -**

Once again, Wayne Hubert will lead a team of volunteers to provide a delicious Seder Dinner, Thursday, March 20. Look for ticket sales starting mid-February. Seating is limited so you will want to obtain your tickets early. This is always a sold out meal!



**Seder Helpers** - Wayne keeps us laughing in the kitchen and all of us who help with the Seder Meal have a great time! If you can put in anywhere between one and six hours to help us, please contact Sally Meier at [sallyjmeier@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyjmeier@yahoo.com) or 303-938-8680. We'll provide a great lunch for you, too!

**Small jobs** - We've all heard the saying "many hands make light work". Well, that's the direction we'd like to see our church fellowship take. If you could help us with "just one thing" during the course of the entire year, we could offer a lot of small, but different fellowship opportunities. Like what, you ask? How about securing a block of tickets to Eagles/Rage Hockey, Rockies, Christian music concerts, theater? What about organizing a bowling night at Centennial Lanes? What other ideas do you have?

**Come join us** - The Fellowship Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7-8pm. We'd love to hear your ideas!

## **A couple of calendar items:**

1. **Feb. 29 - Mar. 2 - Women's Winter Weekend in Summit County.** Come join us for fun and fellowship in the mountains. Ski, snowshoe, sled, shop, sleep.... whatever is your pleasure! We have three condos to use and we'll arrange lodging based on carpools, days you can stay, etc. We typically go out for dinner on Friday night and then gather as a group on Saturday night. Call or email Jill Krantz for more info and to sign up ([jkkconnect@hotmail.com](mailto:jkkconnect@hotmail.com), 303-774-8439). There will be a \$15 non-refundable deposit to hold your place, as spaces are limited.
2. **Saturday, April 26 - Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Progressive Dinner.** We'll start with appetizers at church, then divide up into groups for dinner and for dessert. What a great way to get to know others better and to enjoy some good food and fun! Look to sign up for this event starting in March.



# FLY. Pages

(Faith Lutheran Youth)

February 2008



by Diane Sell

I have just returned home from the **Middle School Youth Gathering** in Colorado Spring with 16 of our Youth and Adults. I was reminded once again that our youth need and crave Christian community. It was awesome to watch not only our kids but other churches' kids get pumped up for the Lord. Their energy is contagious and their hearts are filled with many good things!

At our January **Youth Committee** meeting, we began the process of preparing our team for the exciting news that we are going to hire a full-time Youth Director in 2008. This process is not something that we take lightly. This committee will serve as the interviewing group for prospective candidates. In the upcoming months, we will need many prayers. The Youth Committee will continue to meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. In February, we will start putting together interviewing questions for prospective candidates. We plan to split our meeting into two parts: We will begin with ongoing activities and plans and during the second half focus on the process of hiring a new Youth Director. In the meantime: here's what's happening in February for Youth at FCLC.

**Saturday, Feb. 2, 6:30pm S.N.S.**  
(Saturday Night at Stovers) for all Senior High

**Saturday, Feb. 2, Sunday, Feb. 3:**  
**L.O.F.** (Leap Of Faith) at all services

**Wednesday Feb. 6 (Ash Wednesday)**  
**TIM Team 6-7pm** (helping with KICS musical)  
**Senior High: "Fire Up" 7:30pm—**  
Youth Room

**Friday-Sunday Feb.8-10 Senior High Retreat at Keystone**  
(Not too late to sign up...Check it out on the youth board now!)

**Tuesday Feb. 12 Youth Committee – 7 pm**

**Wednesday Feb. 13 TIM Team 6-7pm**  
(helping with KICS musical)  
**Senior High "Fire Up" 7:30pm** in youth room

**Friday Feb. 15 REVOLVE Tour** for all 6th-12th grade girls! In Denver!  
Look for information on the youth board and sign up now!

**Sunday, Feb. 17 WORKCAMP MEETING—12:15pm—**Sunrise Room 230

Included in this meeting will be:

- Updated information on accounts
- Upcoming fundraising information

Exciting information on **"RED SHIRT"** participation from our congregation!

**Red Shirts:**

- Pastor Dan - M.C.
- Mike Krantz - Director
- Mike Brockman - Site Coach
- Stephanie Brockman - Kitchen host
- Jill Woo Ching - Office volunteer

**Wednesday, Feb. 20 TIM Team 6-7pm**  
(helping with KICS musical)  
**Senior High "Fire Up" 7:30pm—**  
Youth Room

**Sunday Feb. 24 3pm-6pm Middle School Bowling afternoon** Look for sign up on the youth board now!

## Finishing the Year ***STRONG!***



***Thanks be to God for the Strong Financial Finish to 2007!!***

† ***“Wing the Debt”*** was a HUGE success.

Because of the congregation’s generosity:

† We now have only one mortgage!



† **Expenses = Income**

Because of the congregation’s generosity:

† We have finished the year “even.”

† We have no past bills to worry about.



† **The 2008 Budget was Approved**

Because of the congregation’s generosity:

† The Council was able to recommend a budget increase for 2008.

† The congregation unanimously approved it at the Annual Meeting!



**To God be the glory!**

## Stewardship ~January '08

This past fall, Pastor Dan gave me a copy of Giving to God, The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life by Mark Allan Powell. The book is on the Bishop's reading list. You will recall I mentioned something about "reading assignments" in the October newsletter. The fact is that assignments don't stop even though seminary class work is complete! The book is an interesting read and will be the basis for our Stewardship Education columns over the next several months. These articles, written by Stewardship Committee members will summarize what they discovered in their reading various sections of this book.

Reading any book is like panning for gold – one doesn't quit just because silt occasionally fills the pan. This month I will reveal the nuggets I discovered in reading the Introduction: Getting Completely Wet, and the First Chapter: An Act of Worship.

When one hears the word "stewardship" in a church setting, the mind causes the hand to guard the wallet or purse. However, "stewardship is not fund-raising. It is a way of life....Stewardship of the earth...stewardship of our bodies...stewardship of our families...stewardship of the gospel." (p xii) "When we come to understand and practice what the Bible says about stewardship, we will have happier, better lives." (p xvii) In the Introduction to Part One, Belonging to God, Powell mentions "faithful stewardship involves giving to God as an act of worship...an expression of our faith...a discipline of spiritual growth." (p 5-6) The first chapter concentrates on the first: an act of worship. "Church offerings are not fund-raising rituals but acts of worship...an opportunity [to express] our love for God in the purest way imaginable, by giving up something that we value." (p 12-13) Powell mentions that "when people are struck by the goodness of God, they naturally want to give something to God: they don't always know how to do that, but they want to do it." (p 16) He further mentions that "the *main* reason for going to church is not to get our needs met; the main reason, the most important reason, for going to church is to worship God." (p 20) "When we quit focusing on ourselves and focus instead on worshipping the God who is so good to us, one of our deepest needs is met." (p 21)

I am certain that we each have our own stories of how good God has been to us; individually, as a family, and collectively as a Faith Community. I personally would not be walking the face of this planet if it wasn't for God's love and God's grace. It is very hard for me not to "tear up" when I think of the many answered prayers (the yeses, the nos, and the not yets). Take some time now to reflect on the words of a song we often sing in worship:

### Think About His Love

Think about His love,  
Think about His goodness,  
Think about His grace  
That's brought us through.

For as high as the heavens above  
So great is the measure of our Father's love.  
Great is the measure of our Father's love.

How could I forget His love?  
How could I forget His mercy?  
He satisfies. He satisfies.  
He satisfies my desires.

Think about His love,  
Think about His goodness,  
Think about His grace  
That's brought us through.

For as high as the heavens above  
So great is the measure of our Father's love.  
Great is the measure of our Father's love.

Even when I've strayed away,  
His love has sought me out and found me.  
He satisfies. He satisfies.  
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When I reflect and think about God's love, goodness, and grace for me, my family, this congregation, the universe, I can only praise and worship God. Without a doubt, there have been and are some speed bumps and potholes in my life. Quite possibly there are some in your life, too. However, God goes with us and will never leave us nor forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6) As I look back on God's faithfulness, even when I wasn't so faithful, I know God was there preparing me for vocation and ministry. I have not always been a really good steward of the earth, my body, my family, or the gospel. But, I am getting better through God's love and grace. May we worship God not just on Sunday mornings but in all we do...in our stewardship of all God blessings.

-Ed Broestl, Parish Associate



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God's spirit is on me. He chose me to preach the message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce the pardon of prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" Luke 4:18-19

**Catch the Spirit!**

## Council Corner

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Our Council Members and Church Staff are always available to listen to the ideas and concerns of our members. Your input is invaluable in aiding the leadership of Faith Community Lutheran in determining the direction we should go in fulfilling God's mission for us. We welcome you to take part and share your vision.

- Council minutes are public record and kept in the Church Office.
- Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 8pm. Meetings are open to the congregation.
- If you would like to be involved in any of the ministries listed above, contact the ministry chair.

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## Mission Verse

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Message of Good News to the  
poor, Sent me to announce  
pardon of prisoners and  
recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set the burdened and  
battered free, to announce,  
"This is God's year to act!"

*Luke 4:18-19*

## Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame  
so we gather in faith and  
hope to reach out in love.*



## Our Core Values

**To "Reach Out in Love"  
as a church that is:**

- \* Bible-centered
- \* Prayer-centered
- \* Worship-centered with blended  
styles of music
- \* Kid-Friendly
- \* Visitor-Friendly
- \* A Model of the Priesthood  
of Believers
- \* A Model of "First Fruits Giving"  
(to various outreach projects)